Income of farmers

†2372. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the income of a farmer in the country is continuously declining;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the annual income of an average farmer in the country at the beginning and at the end of 90s?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) There are no direct data available on the average income of a farmer. However, the income due to an activity is indicated by the Gross Value Added (GVA). According to the National Accounts Statistics, GVA at 1993-94 prices in the activities of agriculture including animal husbandry, increased from Rs 2,00,634 Crore in the year 1991-92 to Rs. 2,65,180 Crore in 2000-01. The total number of cultivators, according to the Population Census, increased from 11.07 Crore in 1991 to 12.76 Crore in 2001. This implies increase in GVA per cultivator per annum from Rs. 18,124 in 1991-92 to Rs. 20,782 in 2000-01 in real terms.

Foodgrains export by NAFED

†2373. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of varieties and quantities of foodgrains given to NAFED by the FCI for export during the last three years and to which countries the foodgrains had been exported;

(b) whether this export has not been effected by NAFED; and

(c) if so, the details of the exporting agency, including the details of foodgrains so exported and why NAFED did not undertake the export itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The details relating to the export of FCI foodgrains by NAFED to the different countries during the

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last three years are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2366(a)]

(b) No, Sir.

(c) NAFED has exported FCI wheat/rice itself and through its recognized associates under the purview of FCI guidelines/terms and conditions only.

Subsidy to agricultural products in foreign countries

t2374.SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: ' SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agricultural products are being made cheaper in US and in the western countries by providing subsidy, directly and indirectly to the farmers;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the farmers of India are being adversely affected due to the globalisation;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the details of decision taken by Government to provide subsidy to the farmers in the country or to raise the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The continuing high level of domestic support and export subsidies in many developed countries denies meaningful market access to the developing countries; and depresses the international prices. In view of this in the negotiations on WTO Agreement on Agriculture (AoA), India has sought *inter-alia,* substantial reduction in all forms of domestic support by the developed countries and elimination of export subsidies except export subsidies provided by all developing countries to reduce their high costs of marketing, including handling, upgrading and other processing costs; and costs of transport and freight, under Article 9.1 (d) and (e) of the AoA which should remain without reduction commitments. In Doha Declaration also, Ministers

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